## THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

Director of Soviet Analysis

FROM

Major General Edward B. Atkeson, USA

National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces

SUBJECT

: Letter of Commendation for

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1. I would like to express my appreciation for the fine efforts of of SOVA as the drafter of the Interagency Intelligence Memorandum, "The Readiness of the Soviet Air Forces." is an outstanding analyst with a well-deserved reputation for his breadth of knowledge and capabilities. He has done a superb job in pulling together a vast amount of information, undertaking new analysis, and presenting it in well-organized fashion.

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2. This paper represents the first comprehensive community assessment of Soviet air force capabilities and limitations. It has been cited by the Senior Review Panel for its "revealing exposé" of key differences between US and USSR air forces and for the "estimative flavor" of its judgments, particularly those relating to potential combat performance in specific operational environments. Is to be commended for a job very well done.

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